

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** fifty years ago, the United States Supreme Court handed down a landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*; and

**WHEREAS,** considered one of the most important rulings by the Court, *Brown v. Board* was a combination of five cases originating in different parts of the country, including Delaware, Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, DC, and seeking the same legal remedy; and

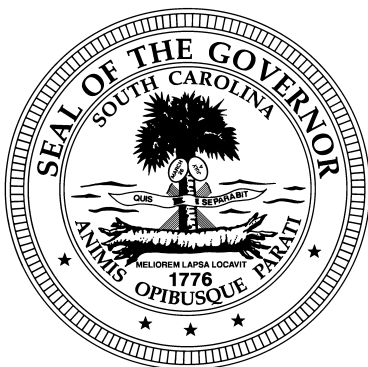
**WHEREAS,** this significant decision upheld the Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection of the law and protects our freedom from racial discrimination in public schools; and

**WHEREAS,** *Brown v. Board* has served to promote tolerance, respect, and unity among our residents for the past five decades.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2004, as

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF *BROWN V. BOARD* DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the courage of those who fought to ensure equal protection of the law for all Americans.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**